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Avery Ranch Official Website:

www.averyranchhoa.com

Avery Ranch Owners Association Official Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/averyranchhao.com (not a newsletter typo - it is hao)

Avery Ranch Neighborhood Events Official Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/ARNeighborhoodEvents

Avery Ranch Twitter: @AveryRanchHOA

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Need help, information, or guidance? Send an email to:

gethelp@averyranchhoa.com

You can also find all board members contact info on both the AR website and the newsletter.

AROA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S

APRIL 13, 2015 MAY 10, 2015 7 PM, MAC MEETING ROOM

Topics may include general association business, including old business and new business, covenant enforcement and budgeting/assessment. Executive session matters may include contract negotiations, enforcement actions, confidential attorney communications, matters involving the invasion of owners' privacy, personnel matters, litigation or matters involving parties who have requested confidentiality and the board has agreed to honor that request For a detailed Agenda of the meeting, please visit www.averyranchhoa. com. Agenda is posted 72 hours before the meeting date.

2015 AVERY RANCH EVENT CALENDAR

04/18 Festival of Colors 04/25 Garage Sale - Spring 05/TBD Meet & Greet 05/16 Garden Tour 06/TBD Luau 07/03 Independence Day Celebration 08/TBD Meet & Greet 09/19 Garage Sale - Fall
10/24 Harvest Hayride
11/TBD Concert in the Park(TGIFT)
11/TBD Meet & Greet
11/07 Bazaar
12/19 Holiday Sleigh Ride



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FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

For questions or concerns in your neighborhood contact our Property Manager and HOA Board at GetHelp@ AveryRanchHOA.com.

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AVERY RANCH SEMI-ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

April 25th, 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Turn your unused treasures into cash. Clean out the garage, closets and under those beds, the Avery Ranch Semi-Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is set for April 25th on Saturday from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm.

The Social Committee does all the promoting by placing ads in the Austin American Statesman, on Craig's List and other on-line venues. They will also post Garage Sale Announcement banners at the four corners of Avery Ranch Blvd & Parmer Lane to get shoppers into the neighborhood. All you have to do is set up shop on your driveway.

There will be a Goodwill truck parked at the MAC pool parking lot in Morningside to collect items that did not sell in your garage sale and you wish to donate. The Goodwill truck will be at the parking lot from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Refer to the donation guidelines for what are acceptable and unacceptable items.

Stranger Danger Alert: If you plan on participating, either keep your garage door closed or keep outof-sight items of value that you are not selling. Unscrupulous individuals use opportunities like our neighborhood sale to window shop for "five-finger specials" later.

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Swim team season is almost here! It's almost time to take that first dive into the crystal clear water, to stretch those arms, and kick those feet while gliding across the pool. The 2015 Avery Ranch Redfish Swim Team has a maximum of 175 eager neighborhood children and teens ready to practice hard and swim fast this summer. Mark your calendars, after school practices begin April 27th. All practices will be held at the MAC pool. During practice times the redfish will be using the roped off lanes and residents are welcome to use the remaining area of the pool and the circle pool for personal swimming.

Below are important dates for Redfish and residents of Avery Ranch to know. This year the Redfish will be holding four spirit nights at local Redfish sponsors' restaurants. Please visit the restaurants and tell them you are with the Redfish and part of your total bill will go towards the Redfish Swim Team Fundraiser. This includes lunch, dinner, or even take out!

Good Luck Redfish! Swim Fast!! More information on the Redfish can be found at www. averyranchredfish.com.



APRIL DATES:

April 11:	Orientation and Potluck
April 20:	Spirit Night at Tony C's
April 29:	Spirit Night at Orange Leaf

MAY DATES:

May 14: Spirit Night at The League May 18: Lap-A-Thon Fundraiser May 19: Spirit Night at Orange Leaf 5:00 MAC Lunch or Dinner All Day

Lunch or Dinner Details TBD All Day

SWIM MEET SCHEDULE:

May 23: Avery Ranch hosting JCC and Gators May 30: Avery Ranch and Fast Frogs at Twisters June 6: Avery Ranch hosting Blue Waves and Orcas June 13: Avery Ranch at Twisters June 20: Avery Ranch hosting Fast Frogs June 26: Pep Rally at MAC, details TBD June 27 and 28: CHAMPS Meet at Avery Ranch Dates in bold indicate meets held at the MAC.

PARENTING TIP: HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT SWIM PRACTICE

The best thing you can do is to encourage your children to "have fun, be safe, and play smart". After practice ask them if they had fun and learned anything new or did anything they had never done before and offer your praise. Sometimes children will express feelings to their parents that may help the coach provide a more suitable environment for the individual. You are encouraged to talk to the coach about your child's responses to the practice sessions.

If you decide to watch practice the most important thing you can do is allow your child to focus on the coach and on the tasks at hand. We know it is common in many youth sports for parents to stand at the sidelines and shout instructions or encouragements and sometimes admonishments to their children. Please try not to signal them, or to try a certain technique, or to offer to fix an equipment problem or even to remind them to listen to the coach. In fact, just as you would never interrupt a school classroom to talk your child, you should not interrupt a practice by attempting to communicate directly with your child. (tip from www.usaswimming.org)



FORMOSAN TERMITES



There are three main types of termites that can cause problems for homeowners in Central Texas- native subterranean termites, formosan subterranean termites and drywood termites. This article will focus of formosan termites.

Formosan termites are a more voracious type of subterranean termite. These termites have been spread throughout Texas through transport of infested material or soil. Formosan termites build carton nests that allow them to survive above ground without contact with the soil. Nests are often located in hollow spaces, such as wall voids.

Formosan subterranean termite workers and soldiers.



Formosan termites feed on a wider variety of cellulose than other subterranean termites, including live plants, consuming both spring and summer growth wood whereas native subterranean termites feed only on spring growth. Formosan termites have also been known to chew through non-cellulose materials such as soft metals, plaster or plastic.

The type of termite is determined by using soldiers (the group that defends the colony) or alates (winged reproductives) for identification. Formosan termite soldiers have a hardened head capsule that is tear-drop shaped. The alates have two heavy veins on the leading edge of the front wing along with hairs on the wings. If you suspect termites, you can submit sample insects to me for identification. Treatment would need to be carried out by a profession pest management company.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Raspberries require little care to grow, but can cost a lot at the store. You can even freeze them.

Mixed salad greens, like baby lettuce and arugula are tough and quick growing, even after cutting.

If you cut them correctly they will grow again. Start at one end of your garden and cut plants about an inch from the ground. The plant could grow back 3-4 times in a season.

Flat gardening was popular years ago, but now raised beds are much better. They prevent weeds from taking over, let water drain more efficiently and plants thrive in aerated soil.

A very common error in gardening is over watering and drowning plants. If it rains at least one inch per week, you can probably skip heavy watering. Purchase a rain gauge (under \$10) at garden stores to keep track of how much or how little water your plant is getting and add or subtract from there.



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Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:
- PULL the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- AIM low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- SQUEEZE the lever slowly and evenly.
- SWEEP the nozzle from side-to-side.

For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.

Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.



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